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AMENDMENT AND RECORD OF INTERVIEW

In response to the Office Action of July 26, 2002, designated as Paper No. 6 in the case, please enter the following amendment in the above-identified patent application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 25 and 26 without prejudice.

Amend claims 1, 9, 13, 21, and 28-35 as follows:

Amend claim 1:

1. (Amended) A method of selecting a resource for a work

item, comprising: 2

determining available resources that possess skills needed by

the work item;

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